WCI's Education Initiative

The Education Initiative started as a need to tune WCI to the requirements of the current world and to provide women with a means to contribute significantly in their own communities and worldwide. It did not start as a means to achieve consultative status with ECOSOC. The discussions started in 2016. The Education Initiative was voted upon and approved by the Board of Directors in May in the year 2017 in Cyprus.

Mission

To foster the education of women to help create a better world.

Vision

To inspire WCI members to be active promoters of change in today's world

WCI Education Initiative Definition of Education

Education is a lifelong process of learning and teaching, giving and receiving. By sharing curiosity and wonder with others, we invite them to join us on the journey of discovering the best version of ourselves, learning from each other and thriving as a whole.

WCI Education Initiative Values

Education fosters growth and wisdom through:

Understanding

Critical Thinking

Compassion

Open-mindedness

Communication

WCI Education Initiative Goals

To promote the well-being of women at all ages through education, friendship, and understanding in recognition of sustainable development.

To offer a guide for Sister Clubs to use per their own resources, structure and potential, and to work within the parameters of their bylaws and the reality of their hometowns.

WCI Education Initiative Actions

Goal 1

To promote the well-being of women at all ages through education, friendship, and understanding in recognition of sustainable development.

Action

To design one project per region. This project would be presented at the WCI

International Conference. For example, to present a series of artworks depicting education, friendship and understanding; to develop a series of talks to be shared in the regions through Zoom or YouTube videos and to then present a synopsis at the WCI International Conference.

Goal 2

To offer a guide for Sister Clubs to use per their own resources, structure, and potential, and to work within the parameters of their bylaws and the reality of their hometowns.

Action

Create an informal program that pairs Sister Clubs so they may mutually exchange knowledge for a period of two years. Each club that participates would present a brief report at the WCI International Conference.

For example, if IWC Hamburg and WIC Jakarta were paired, IWC Hamburg could offer a series of educational programs to its members about Indonesia, which could be co-developed with WIC Jakarta. Likewise, WIC Jakarta could offer to its members an educational series about Germany.

If IWC Porto Alegre were paired with WKIC, IWC Porto Alegre could offer a song by the children of one of their educational projects to WKIC (through YouTube,

for example); whereas WKIC could show a video on the geography and history of Korea to these children in English with subtitles.

The Education Initiative Committee melted into the WCI UN Council in January, 2021.